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The Progress Report for Kosovo 2023 has rated KAS well

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The Progress Report that was published on November 8, 2023 by the European Commission, has rated the Kosovo Agency of Statistics well. Based on Chapter 18 on Statistics, where the EU rules require that member states produce statistics based on professional independence, impartiality, reliability, transparency and confidentiality, the Report highly appreciated the achievements made in the fields, which have been reflected in Statistical System of the Republic of Kosovo.

In the common rules that are in force for the methodology, production and dissemination of statistical information, it is stated that Kosovo has a level of preparation in the field of statistics. Progress has been made in the reporting period, especially in improving: data collection methodology; transmission of data to Eurostat; and the implementation of Eurostat Peer-Review recommendations.

The Report further states that communication between different statistical institutions has improved, but coordination at the technical level and the use of available administrative data are insufficient.

Kosovo has also improved the frequency of its statistical outputs. Some statistics on energy, social statistics and short-term statistics in the services sector are now transmitted to Eurostat on a monthly basis, whereas previously they were transmitted on a quarterly basis. The delayed Population and Housing Census is now scheduled to take place between November 1 and December 31.

Last year's recommendations were partially meet and year remain valid, where it is stated that Kosovo in particular should:

- → finalise preparations for the population and housing census and its implementation by ensuring operational details and full coverage of the territory;
- → increase the number of statistical products and send these products more frequently to Eurostat;
- → fill existing vacancies and increase the capacities of the Kosovo Agency of Statistics.

Meanwhile, in terms of statistical infrastructure, the legal framework is broadly in line with the Code of Practice of European Statistics (Eurostat). However, the implementation of this legal framework needs to be strengthened.

In conclusion, the Progress Report also provides recommendations for Kosovo regarding the role of the Kosovo Agency, statistical governance and inter-institutional coordination and to ensure better access to administrative resources.